

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the modifications above and the remarks below. Claims 1-11 have been identified with proper status of (Canceled). Claims 12-18, 20 and 21 have been identified with proper status of (Currently Amended). Claim 19 has been identified with proper status of (Previously Presented).

Regarding Claim 12, Claim 12 has been amended in light of the comments in the outstanding Office Action. The changes of deleting "The" and adding --A-- is properly amended and the terms "used" is included. Reconsideration is requested.

Regarding the Examiner's allegation that the "applicant[s] have not even mentioned the previously made art rejections, Applicant in the Response dated December 1, 2003 made amendments to the Claims including rewriting Claim 12 in independent form as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action dated August 28, 2003.

In the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, the Examiner indicated that: Claim 12-14 are objected to as being allowable is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and provided applicant overcomes all of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections. (Office Action, Page 7, para 14 to page 8).

Applicant has amended Claim 12 to include subject matter of any intervening claims (and cancelled claims 10 and 11). Further Claims 13-21 have been rewritten to depend from Claim 12 instead of Claim 10. Thus, claims 12-21 are allowable and overcome the art rejections because they include subject matter which the Examiner has found allowable and thus overcomes "the previously made art rejection." Accordingly, independent Claim 12 and Claims 13-21 which depend from Claim 12 are believed to be allowable.

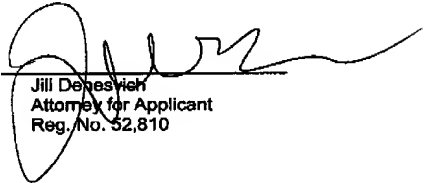
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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, allowance of the pending claims is earnestly requested.

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